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File No. 25-96

Serial Nos. 1-5

# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* 1 — 5

Major Part B for March 97.

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SUBJECT.

Native music in the Municipal Lalbagh at Bangalore

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indexed

№ 5608

C. Memo

In 1893, the municip-
-ality of the City of Bangalore
continued the materia
-ial Band, which used
to play in the City Municipal
Garden for 9 years, on
grounds of want of
funds. A largely
signed petition dtd 3407
7.6.93 from the
inhabitants of Bangalore
protesting against the
discontinuance of the music
having been forwarded to
the President for necessary
orders report (Serial dtd 27).
Board reconsidered the
question and voted
the continuance of
Band (Serial dtd 3).
in reference was recorded
Proc dtd $\frac{847}{272\cdot92}$ 07-27·11·93 (Sl no 4)

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resolved to replace
material Band by Barr
& Band and to make
arrangements for the former.
if ~~possible~~ public subscription
should admit the same

Submitted for order.

I hear that the
matter music has
been disposed with
and that the Band
is and has been
playing for a few
weeks past. I am
not sure that the
Ladies will be better
appreciated by the
ruffles than the
former. The Instru-
ments may be
worked by report-
a month or two hence
when the Members
have the change -
Instructions

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[illegible] upon [illegible]
receipt of that
report

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15-1-97

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[illegible] the [illegible]

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C/L.A.

Received 6-1-97. Returned

C.V.L.A.

Noted

Submitted for orders.

case see order etc $\frac{8316}{242-93}$ of 22-1-97

etc 67 in file passed in Presidents

favt.

copy this be forwarded to the

President for the report. 8/1/30/1

1897 15/3

No. 2425

Name of Petitioner K. Venkataramania - Inr

Village? Dartfal and other residents,

Taluk Bangalore city

District

Date of Arzi 9-1-97

Date of Receipt 25-1-97

Date of Disposal

No. of Enclosure Three copies of the Memorial

ABSTRACT.

States that for the last 10 or 12 years native music is being played once a week in the Municipal Garden for the Entertainment of the inhabitants of the city - that in April or May last the playing of the music was stopped by the Municipality - that in August 1895 the Board at the instance of Govt passed a resolution for the continuance of the playing of the music - that the Govt of 17th December last passed an order to a proposition to abolish the Board in place of the native music - that in the account that municipal fund for the native music

Here is a numerously signed Memorial praying to be allowed to continue the native music which was ordered to be discontinued by the Board's resolution of 26/11/1896.

This case may be sent to the Divisional with a request that it be placed before the Board & a report of their views called for thereon

Bangalore 5/2/97

that the native music was very much appreciated by the Lax players - that the present action of the community council is unconstitutional and will prevent the Lax players of Port Essington from the education was started with a view to encouragement to native music and to preserve innocent enjoyment to the people.

Pray that Port will be pleased to see the playing of the native music and also the band soon introduced

B.C.

2/11/97

To

# The Honorable Dewan and the Honorable Councillors to Her Highness the Maharani-Regent of Mysore.

The undersigned inhabitants of the City of Bangalore respectfully beg to submit the following representation to the Government with a hope that the same will receive its kind attention.

2 It is a fact well known to the Government that from a long time—perhaps for the last 10 or 12 years— the inhabitants of the City were provided with an innocent sort of amusement once in a week, in the shape of a little Native music (instrumental) to be played at the City Municipal Gardens for their recreation and benefit.

3. Some two or three years ago, most probably in April or May 1893, the playing of the said music was stopped by the City Municipality without any notice whatever to the public, and the inhabitants, feeling the action of the Municipal corporation as quite unjust and high-handed, petitioned the Government in a body, and a Memorial dated 27th June 1893 was submitted to the favourable consideration of the Government. On this the Government questioned the action of the Municipality, and after a great deal of correspondence, the Board passed a resolution on the 28th August 1893, giving the playing of the music another lease of life, which the Government kindly confirmed and sanctioned in an order dated 27th November 1893.

4. Since then and up to the 6th of December last, the people had the playing of the music restored and they were enjoying a little holiday for an hour or two every Sunday evening But from the 13th ultimo, the Board has again ordered the discontinuance of the playing of the music, and the public are taken by surprise as to why this music should have been discontinued a second time. On making enquiries and looking to the *Mysore Gazette* dated the 17th December 1896, they find to their regret the mention of a proposition on some sort of requisition by the Military Secretary introducing the Bar band in place of the Native music. The undersigned are at a loss to understand as to what connection the Military Secretary has with the Municipality, and how the Commissioners themselves can do and undo resolutions constitutionally passed and confirmed and sanctioned by the Government. In the Board's Proceedings the undersigned fail to see the moving of the proposition by any Commissioner, and the proposition itself is indefinitelly worded. This shows that the motion was not made by any representative of the people. The sum the Municipality was paying for the music was only Rupees 4 a week and not anything enormous, and if the Municipality are for the Barband they are quite welcome to have the Band also along with the playing of Native music, and the undersigned inhabitants and tax-payers will not grudge the Municipality paying the Bandmen also, but what they respectfully beg to object is to have one thing at the sacrifice of another. Besides, the undersigned inhabitants are of humble opinion that the Municipal Treasury will not in any way suffer by paying a few Rupees more to Band-men, when they take into consideration entirely the question of peoples' enjoyment and recreation. It will not do to take away the Native music which was so much appreciated by the tax-payers.

5. The present action of the Commissioners, the undersigned beg to submit, is not only unconstitutional but it is certainly interfering with the definite orders once passed by the Government, and denying at the same time to the people the popular amusement graciously provided by the Government itself.

6. The undersigned again are not desirous of discussing the question of the superiority of one system of music and the inferiority of that of the other. In their view, both are good in themselves. They only wish to urge that the City is inhabited wholly by a community that has

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appreciated by the Lax Jayes - that the
present action of the Common Council is un-
- constitutional and interfering with the
Rights of Fort Wayne that the institution
was started with a pure view to give En-
- tertainment to native Music and
to procure innocent Enjoyment to
the people

Pray that Fort Wayne be pleased to Hear
the playing of the native Music and
also the Band now introduced

J. C

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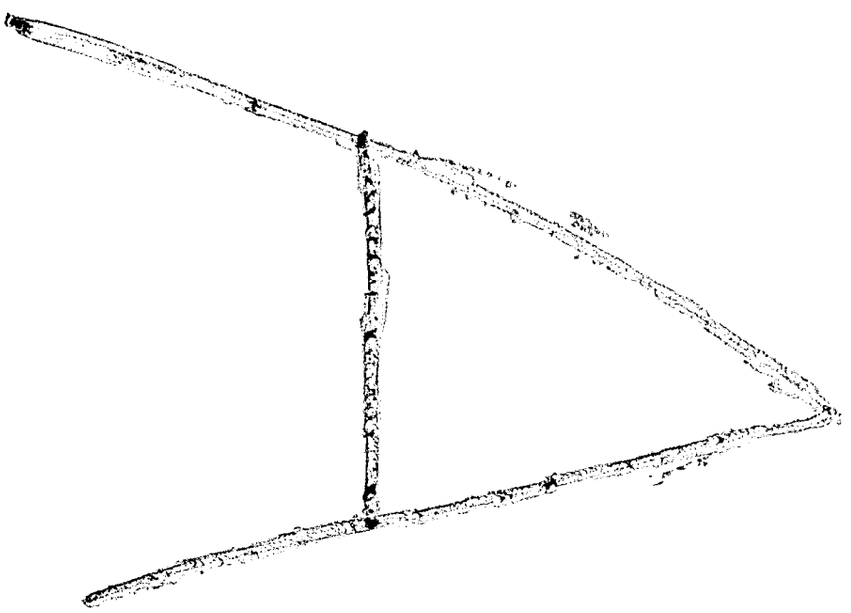

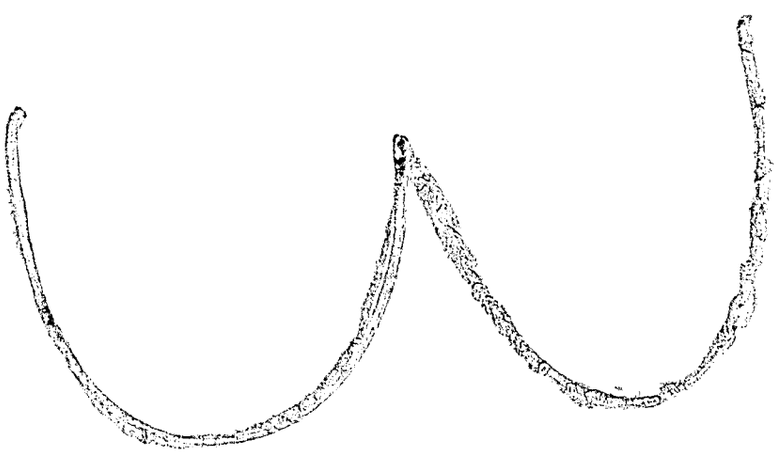

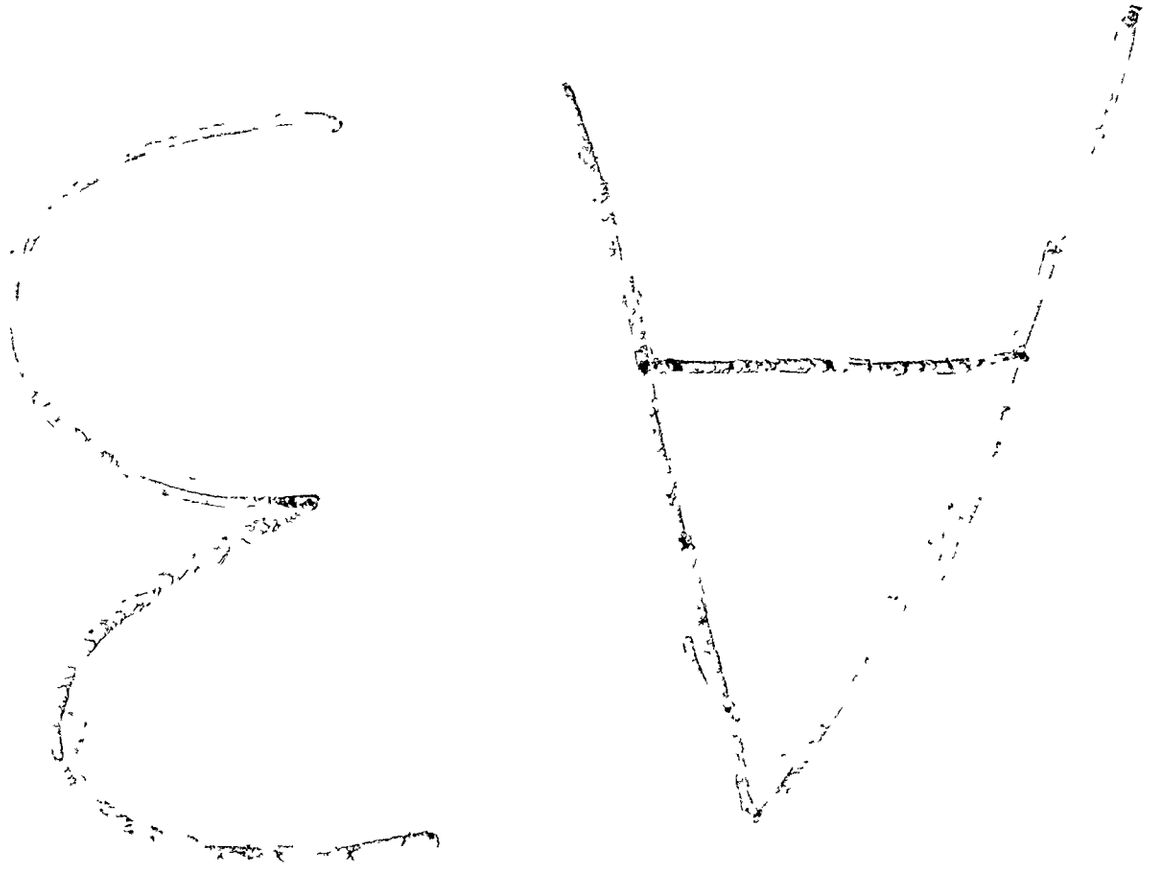

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G. O.

The accompanying petition No 2425, dated 9th January 1897 from K. Venkatramanaiya and other residents of Bangalore city, praying for the introduction of Nature Cure into the municipal gardens, is forwarded to the President with a request that it be placed before the Board, and a report of their view submitted for the orders of Government

"By order"

For Secy

Bangalore
12/2/97

Dy 6/2/97

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11-3-97
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From The President,
Bangalore City Municipality.

Section Mun.
File No 5296
Serial No 07

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore Genl. and Revenue Depts Bangalore

Dated
Despatched } March/97.
Received

General No.
No. 218

Enclosure No. one

Subject-

Submitting Resolution of the Board in re the Barr Band and the Native Band to play alternately at the Municipal gardens

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Let an order a to be issued for the payment of Rs 7477 for the purpose. Approved a Warrant may be issued accordingly

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7/3/97

Let an Endt to this effect

11/3/97

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11-3-97
submitted for orders
with reference to the proposal of Board's resolution be communicated to Petnr by an Endt.

16/3/97

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
*City Bangalore,* 10th March 1897.

No. 218
Encore

*From*

*The President, Municipal Commission,*
*Bangalore City.*

*To*

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Department
Bangalore —

SIR,

With reference to your official Memorandum No. 9140 of the 12th ultimo & 7.242-93 I have the honor to state that the Commissioners are of opinion that arrangements should be made to have the Barr Band and Native Band to play alternately at the Municipal Garden, the allowance of Rupees 20 being divided between them. Copy of resolution is herewith submitted for information

2 The enclosures to your Memorandum under reply are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
BANGALORE CITY

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 4th March 1897

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7. Official Memorandum No. 9160 & 7242-43 of 12th February 1897 from Government forwarding a petition from K. Venkataramanayya and others residents of the Bangalore City praying for the introduction of Native Music into the Municipal Gardens and directing the Submission of the Views of the Board —

Resolved that arrangements be made to have the Burr Band and Native Band to play alternately at the Municipal Gardens, the

a Convenience

allowance of Rupees 20 of being
divided between them –

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(Signed) T. T. Leonard.
President

"True extract"

T. T. Leonard
PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
BANGALORE, CITY.

No 5765

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Read:-

Letter etc 218 dated 10th March 1897 from the President of the Bangalore City Municipality submitting, with reference to ~~Govt~~ ~~Memo~~ Memo etc 9140 dated 12th February 1897, an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Board dated 4th March 1897, resolving that arrangements should be made to have the Barr Band and Cantonment Band to play alternately at the Municipal garden, the allowance of Rs. 20 being devided between them

Order thereon

The arrangement proposed in the above is approved.

To. The President. Bangalore Fort

16/3/97 Secretary

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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE,
PETITION DEPARTMENT,
The 30 189

Received No. 5
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ENDORSEMENT granted to K Venkataramanayya and other residents of Bangalore

in reply to their Petition Registered No. 2425 dated 9-1-97 prayg for the introduction of native music into the muncpl garden-

Petitioners are informed that ~~for approval of the resolution~~ the Bangalore city muncpl Bd, ~~has arrangements to should~~ have arranged to have the ~~Bar Band~~ native Band play alternately with the Bar Band at the Municipal garden, ~~the allowance Rs. 201 being divided between them~~

By order,

19/5/97

for Secretary.

Engd 17/5/97